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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Request for Continued Examination
- 2) Supplementary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111

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# Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Art Unit	1762
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on April 17, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☒ Enclosed:i. ☐ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☒ Other Supplemental Amendment to the amendment  
filed on April 17, 2003

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Examiner Padgett:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of May 9, 2003, this  
Supplementary Amendment is being transmitted as a supplement to the Amendment  
filed on April 17, 2003.